

There is an effort underway to undermine the requirement to serve the public interest in the free use of the airwaves by major companies.

Sinclair Broadcasting is demanding that their stations air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. This is blatant political manipulation and is totally contrary to the intent to keep the airwaves free of political influence other than clearly paid political advertising. This attempt by Sinclair is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. It is serving their own interests, not the public's and should be stopped.

Sinclair should be prevented from doing this and if they do not comply, should not have their broadcasting licenses renewed.

A free press is essential to the interests of a free democracy and this type of action demonstrates the abuse possible when large corporations control too many media outlets. The FCC should be vigilant in protecting American freedom of the press in order to ultimately protect our democracy itself.